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The relevance of document A1 is cited in the attached European Search Report dated September 15, 2004. A translation is also enclosed.

Applicant: Fumio KOBAYASHI

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